GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5562
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ONION INTERVENTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal from Government of Maharashtra on 50:50 basis for sharing of loss by Union Government under the Onion Intervention Scheme 2000 is pending;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to consider other crops under such scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government of India, on request of a State Government/UT Administration, implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for the procurement of perishable horticultural and agricultural commodities which are not covered under the Price Support Scheme. The MIS is implemented in order to protect the interests of the growers of perishable horticultural and agricultural commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop and when there is a glut during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below the economic level. Losses, if any, incurred by the procuring agencies are shared on 50:50 basis between Central Government and the concerned State Government (75:25 in case of North-Eastern States).